Remarks

In the Office Action mailed January 6, 2006, the Examiner stated that the

amendment document filed on 21 October 2005 is non-compliant because it failed to

meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. The Examiner further stated that in order for the

amendment document to be compliant, the amendment to claim 4 must be corrected.

Specifically, the cancelled claim 4 must be indicated by only the claim number and

status, without presenting the text of the claim.

Per Applicant's amendments, the amendment document filed on 21 October 2005

is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. Applicant has listed all of the previous

amendments as filed in amendment document filed on October 21, 2005, along with

additional amendments to claims 4 and 8. Specifically, Applicant has deleted the text of

claim 4, and has indicated only the claim number and status of claim 4. In addition,

Applicant has amended claim 8 to correct for a typographical error. As such, Applicant

submits that the amendment document filed on 21 October 2005 is now in compliance

with 37 CFR 1.121.

Because all of the amendments are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, Applicant

submits that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant

respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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